

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION

No. 304-41

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE 8-HOUR OZONE EARLY ACTION  
COMPACT AMONG VARIOUS COUNTIES IN THE CHATTANOOGA,  
TENNESSEE-NORTH GEORGIA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA  
AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.**

WHEREAS, it is the declared public policy of this county to achieve and maintain such levels of air quality as will protect human health and safety, and to the greatest degree practicable, prevent injury to plant and animal life and property, and foster the comfort and convenience of the people; and

WHEREAS, air pollution is nationally a cause for concern and because Hamilton County is committed to improving the quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is participating in an Early Action Compact, with two other Southeast Tennessee counties, two Georgia counties, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, working together to improve air quality in the region; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board is responsible for state-wide air pollution control issues; Hamilton County supports the efforts of the Board to improve air quality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE  
BODY, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:**

- Work in partnership with the Early Action Compact counties of Marion and Meigs in Tennessee, and Walker and Catoosa in Georgia to implement measures which reduce, directly and indirectly, air pollutant levels.
- Adopt Stage 1 vapor recovery regulations within Hamilton County to become effective before March 1, 2005.

IN AREAS REGULATED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVE THAT HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WILL:

- Support statewide Stage 1 vapor controls at gas stations.
- Support statewide Anti-idling Legislation.
- Support the statewide enforcement of vehicle tampering. Vehicles are considered to be tampered with if the emission control devices (catalytic converters) have been altered or removed.
- Support statewide Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (RACT) rules for NOx should the State Air Pollution Control Board adopts them. The rules would require the installation of low NOx combustion controls such as low NOx burners and fuel additives at industrial facilities emitting 50 tons per year or more of NOx.

IN VOLUNTARY PROGRAM AREAS, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- Hamilton County, through the Air Pollution Control Bureau, will not allow open burning on ozone action days effective May 15, 2004.
- Hamilton County will participate in the Ozone Action Day Program currently being developed and to be implemented no later than May 15, 2004. This program centers on public education about the sources, causes and solutions to air pollution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT  
FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

Hamilton County, Chattanooga, TN  
A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
This 24th day of March, 2004  
W. F. (BILL) KNOWLES, County Clerk  
By Debbie Rollins, Deputy Clerk

Approved: ☒

Rejected: ☐

Approved: ☒

Vetoed: ☐

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

County Clerk

County Executive

March 17, 2004

Date